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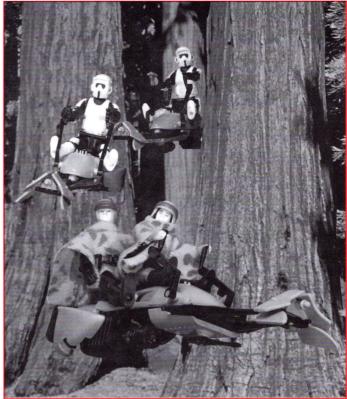
In This Issue...

This issue *AFD* zooms past the 10,000 copies sold per issue mark. We won't know exactly how far until newsstand results are in, but we want to thank all our new and old customers from whom *AFD*'s success comes.

Our best way to express our thanks is with bigger and more exciting issues...and this one is killer. AFD #20 is loaded with new product announcements, the results of our Action Figure Design Contest, the first of our new Star Wars Update features, and exclusive photos of Tomart's most recent trip to Skywalker Ranch, where we attended the Star Wars Summit.

Our London correspondent Brian Doyle made a spectacular *Aliens* find in England. Ralph Lopez has another great *Variation Hunter* column. Plus, still more color photos from the *G.I. Joe* 30th Anniversary Salute Convention appear as promised last issue.

Best of all you can win one of *more than 50* great prizes simply by voting for your choice for Figure of the Year. See pages 14-15 for details.



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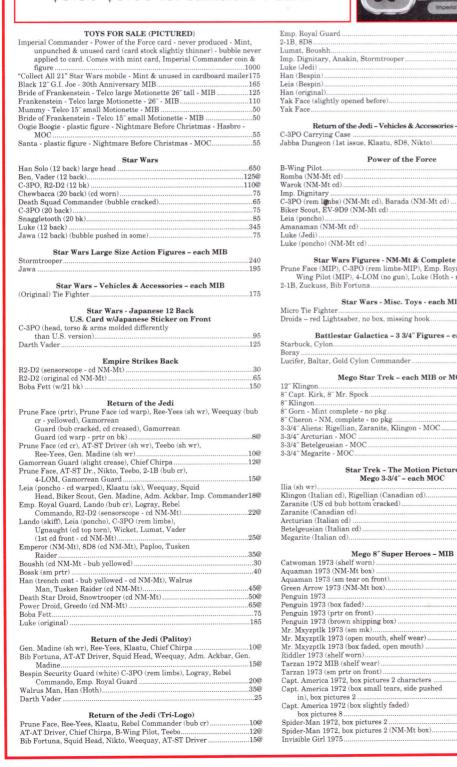
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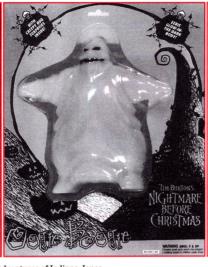
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Axe, Smash, Ultimate Warrior (1st & 2nd), Nasty	200
Boys (2-pack) Demolition (2-pack)	40
Legion of Doom (2-pack)	45
Mini Wrestlers - 3 sets - 12 total - MOC: Natural Disasters, Legion Doom, Bushwackers, Beefcake, Valent	ine, Mr.
Perfect, Jim Duggan, Roddy Piper,	
Texas Tornado	25 set







Commander Power - Mego

ABBREVIATIONS: MIB—Mint in Box; MOC—Mint on Card; NM—Near Mint; F—Fine; VF—Very Fine; EXC—Excellent; @—each; prtr—paper tear; cd—card; bl—black; wh—white; ob—opened before; sl rem—seal removed from back; bc—bubble cut or cracked; wrn—worn; sh wr—shelf wear; cnr trn—corner torn; pt—painted; sl wr—slight wear; bk—back of card; cd cut—seal cut out; sl—slight; bub—bubble; M—micro figure; SM—Slaughter's Marauders; TF—Tiger Force; AF—Action Force; SW—swivel arm; MIP—Mint in baggie.

The Adventures of Indiana Jones	
Toht, Cairo Swordsman	
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Battlestar Galactica	
Daggit, Ovion	
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The Black Hole - 4" Figures	
Harry Booth	
Dr. Reinhardt	
Capt. Holland20	
Dr. Durant45	
Maximillian45	
V.I.N.Cent., Sentry Robot65@	
The Black Hole - 12" Figures	
Dr. Reinhardt	
Capt. Holland	
Charles Pizer	
Durant, Harry Booth, Kate McCrae	
Durant, Harry Booth, Rate McCrae	
Nightmare Before Christmas	
Jack as Santa 12	
Jack Skellington, Sally	
Werewolf, Behemoth	
Santa, Oogie Boogie	
Oogie Boogie (stuffed) - box worn	
Oogie Boogie (stuffed)	
Santa puppet	
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The A-Team - 6" Figures	
Hannibal, Murdock, Face	
Viper, Rattler	
Mr. T (B.A. Baracus)	
3-3/4" - 4-pack - contains Hannibal, B.A. Baracus, Face & Murdock -	
MOC	
Action Jackson - Mego 8"	
Brown hair, Brown bearded	
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Advanced Dungeons & Dragons - 4" LJN	
Mercion, Kelek	
Strongheart	
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Zorgar (card worn)	
Bowmarc (blue card)	
Buck Rogers - 4"	
Killer Kane, Draco	
Ardella (sh wr), Dr. Huer (sh wr), Draconian Guard (sh wr)	
Dr. Huer, Draconian Guard 20@	
Tiger Man (sh wr)	
Tiger Man (sh wr)	
Star Fighter Command Center - MIB65	
Buck Rogers - 12"	
Buck	
Twiki (no box)	

Wheels Willie, Jimmy Squeaks...

Perseus & Pegasus gift set - MIB.

Sarge, Motorcycle

Kraken - MIB...

Joker, Penguin, Shazam.

CHiPS - 4"

Clash of the Titans - 4"

Comic Action Heroes - Mego 4"

Robin
Wonder Woman Collapsing Tower w/Invisible Plane - MIB.
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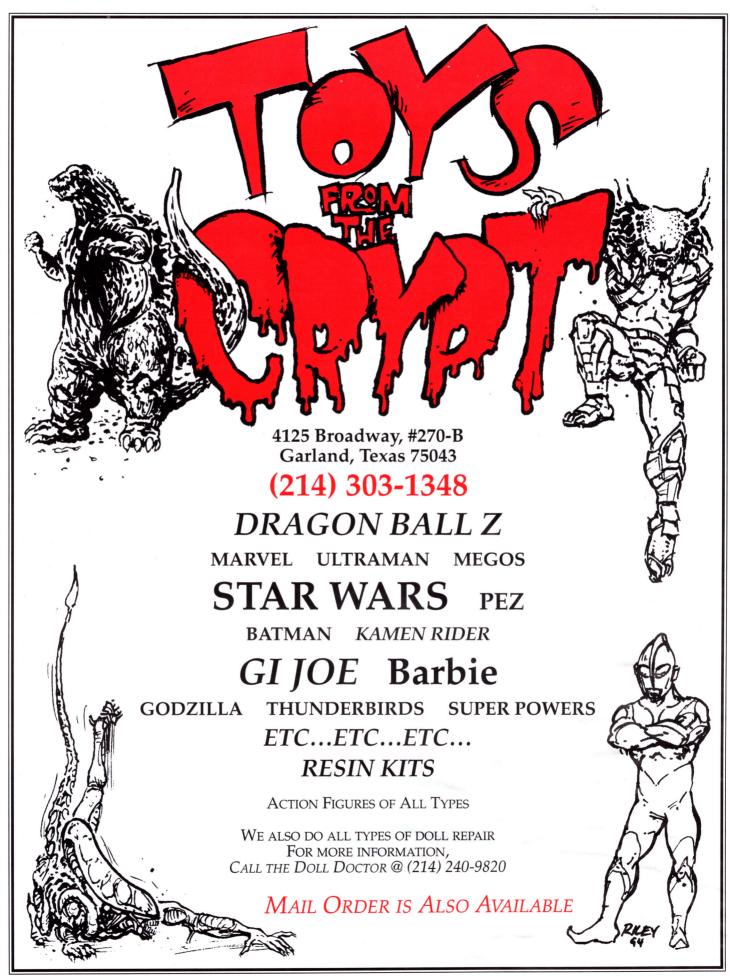
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Dark Knight Collection - 5" Kenner	
Crime Attack Batman, Tec-Shield Batman, Wall Scaler Batman, E	ruce
Wayne, Shadow Wing Batman, Iron Winch Batman	
Sky Escape Joker, Thunderwhip Batman, Powerwing Batman	
Batcopter - MIB	2
Knock-Out Joker	6
Defenders of the Earth Flash Gordon, Lothar	106
Ming, Garax, Mandrake the Magician	256
Phantom	
Mongor - MIB.	
Dick Tracy	-
Dick, Sam Catchem, Lips Manlis	60
Big Boy, Rodent	
Police Car, Getaway Car - each MIB	
19" Breathless, 19" Dick Tracy - each MIB	400
Dukes of Hazard - 8"	
Bo Duke	
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Boss Hogg (yellow bubble)	
Daisy	
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Dukes of Hazard - 4"	
Coy, Vance	
Daisy, Hogg	150
E.T.	
6" figure w/Speak-N-Spell - MOC	
Flash Gordon - Mattel 4"	
Lizard Woman, Ming, Zarkov (paper tear)	
Thun Vultan, Arak	
4-pack - Flash, Thun, Lizard Woman, Arak	
4-pack - Ming, Zarkov, Beastman, Vultan	12
The Flintstone Kids - Coleco	
Freddy, Barney, Betty, Wilma, Dino, Fang	80
Nate Slate, Cavey, Jr.	350
The Flintstones in Action - MOC	
Wilma, Betty	120
Fred (cd creased), Barney (cd creased)	
Dino, Pebbles & Bamm-Bamm	350
Barney & car & ladder set - MIB	
Motorbike - MIB	
Barney's Car - MIB	
Flintmobile - MIB	
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The Legend of the Lone Ranger Lone Ranger
Tonto 20 Lone Ranger & Silver (sh wr) 25
The Love Boat - 4" Gopher, Doc, Julie, Vicki
Lost World of the Warlord Warlord, Hercules, Mikola, Deimos, Machiste
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McDonaldland Characters Capt. Crook (op), Ronald
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Our Gang - Mego 7" Spanky, Buckwheat, Alfalfa
Pee-Wee Herman Magic Screen, Pee-Wee, Chairry
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Planet of the Apes - Mego 8" Alan Verdon, Gen. Urko
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Robin Hood - Kenner 5"
Azeem, Little John 10@ Will Scarlet, Dark Warrior 16@ Friar Tuck .25
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ACTION NEWS BRIEFS

The Star Wars Summit. On November 3 and 4, 1994, Star Wars merchandise licensees and distributors gathered at Skywalker Ranch, the headquarters of Lucasfilm, Ltd., to discuss plans leading up to the first film in the new Star Wars trilogy. AFD was there as a licensee, rather than in a reporting capacity, so we must honor the confidentiality entrusted to us by fellow licensees.

Here's what we can tell at this point:

- Episode I of the Star Wars saga is scheduled to be released to theaters in 1998.

- There is a lot of *Star Wars* past which hasn't been revealed yet. Major events are planned for 1996 and 1997. New characters and new technology will be utilized to help fill in the voids using a variety of media.

- Star Wars will be re-released to theaters in 1997 with new footage and effects not

technologically possible when the film was first made.

– The rumors about Kenner's new *Star Wars* figures, especially those on the Internet, are wrong. The first vehicles and figures are set for release at Back-to-School time in late summer 1995. These may or may not be shown at Toy Fair, but *AFD* will have photos as soon as possible.

- Galoob will release two more convertible playset heads - Chewy/Endor and Stormtrooper/Death Star scene, plus two regular playsets of Dagobah and Tatooine and a giant playworld built within an 18" Millennium Falcon which opens to 36" of play area.

- There will be a blitz of new and repackaged book titles from Bantam and Ballentine.

- 20th Century Fox Music has found still more previously unreleased music.

- 20th Century Fox Video will soon release a digitally re-mastered trilogy.

 New licensees with products debuting in 1995 include Applause, Hallmark, Little Brown, Time Warner, and many more.

– Lucasfilm is a great host. The program started with Stormtroopers deployed throughout the theater. Then came the Royal Guards to make way for Darth Vader who addressed the producers and distributors of everything *Star Wars*, "Never have I seen such a gathering of greedy, money-hungry opportunists in my life...You're my kind of people." His good-natured admonishment continued to the laughter from the crowd and ended with these memorable words, "I have been marked up and marked down so many times I can't tell if I'm coming or going. But I will have my revenge. In 1998 I will be young again...and all of you will be balder, fatter, and 21 years older."

Then came the hours of plans and merchandise presentations. When it was time for dinner, the Stormtroopers carefully checked each guest to determine any rebel affiliation and each was admitted into a reconstruction of the Cantina gloriously filled with creatures, the Cantina Band, movie props, Rebels in disguise, an ever-vigilant guard, and the ominous presence of Boba Fett. The costumes were from the films, the food truly out of this world, and the experience unforgettable.

Following a review of current merchandise and scheduled second day activities, the Summit concluded with a tour of the Lucasfilm Ltd archives. Here groups of attendees inspected models, costumes, paintings, and other film artifacts just returned from nearly two years on exhibit in Japan. There should be several opportunities for fans to see these artifacts as they travel throughout the U.S. during the next 5 to 8 years. The first opportunity will be the Art of Star Wars at the Center for the Arts Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco beginning December 27, 1994 where they will be on display through March 1995.

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Legends of Batman to be Extended. Count on five new Legends of Batman figures to be released in January: Knightfall, Viking Batman, Samurai Batman, The Riddler, and one other Batman. This is easily the most popular Batman series on the shelves these days, but the new releases will already begin to use old molds. Cyborg Batman is the slow mover...probably due to extreme limits on posability. Two additional deluxe figures will also be released in January.

Batman—the Animated Series Gets Split Personality...the existing line plus a new Crime Squad. Seven new regular figures include more Batmans, Robin, Bane, and Commissioner Gordon who could be first offered as a mail-in figure. The Crime Squad is a bunch of repainted Batmans with "rapid deployment back packs" and "camouflage costumes". Most back packs are huge. Nothing terribly new here. The Crime Squad will also have a Triple Attack Jet vehicle.

Batman Forever movie figures will be shown at Toy Fair.

V.R. Troopers figures and vehicles are currently being tested in a couple of markets. Safe to say, early indications are these are not another *Power Rangers*. Kids' reactions in stores are favorable, but then they pick another figure for purchase...and the show is already on the air with decent ratings. No 22 points of articulation on these stiff-leg ultragenerics. Maybe a 14" Ryan Steel figure, still to come, will help.

Power Rangers Fully Stocked. All Power Rangers action figure products, plus an unexpected Thunder Megazord (combination package of the Assault Team and Red Dragon Thunderzord), are now in stores. The supply in mid-November was still plentiful on basic figures with accessory sets still available on a hit or miss basis. One small town Halloween parade of 72 kids had 46 dressed as *Power Rangers*. Will they fade in '95?

Incredible Second Series for the *Fantastic Four TV Series*. The new versions of Invisible Woman, Human Torch, Firelord, Blastaar, Dragon Man, Gorgon, and Thanos are seen on page 20.

Spider-Man Series Continues On Schedule. Look for third series Spider-Man figures in January. This assortment will include: Green Goblin, Spider-Man in "Web of Spider-Man armor", Shocker, Rhino, Scorpion and resculpted multi-jointed Spider-Man. The fourth assortment scheduled for May 1995 will feature Spider-Man in his black costume, Spider-Man with web glider wings, Mysterio with squirter action, The Chameleon with additional heads like Morph for identity changes, Venom II with removable mask to reveal Eddie Brock, and Prowler with extending talons.

X-Force Assortment Three Has Familiar Faces. Mojo, currently being used for a special promotion at Toys "A" Us, will go into general release at other toy outlets in January along with the "definitive" Cable with big guns, plus Exodus, Commando, and Avalanche. "Exclusive" (repainted) deluxe Cable figures are available only at Venture stores. X-Men III assortment will feature Warstar (painted with a new metallic process similar to vac-metallization), Corsair, Wolverine in a space suit, Gladiator, and Phoenix with light-up hair. Assortment IV will have Cameron Hodge, X-cutioner, Maverick, Senyaka, Fang Wolverine, and Sunfire.

Super-Size Mortal Kombat. Three 12" figures of Rayden, Johnny Cage, and Liu Kang will be done in addition to those seen on page 10.

Action News Briefs continues on page 53...

G.I. Joe: The Last 3¾" Figures













It may not look like the end of an era, but these six figures are the last of the 3¾" *G.I. Joes*. Effects, shown in the upper left corner, will be the last new character created in this size. Countdown and Ozone are the toughest...each is packed two per case. The others break down as follows: Effects-6, Lobotomaxx-5, Predacon-5, and Carcass-4.

Additional items for this size were planned, but were rejected in favor of additional product for the new Sgt. Savage line of $4\frac{1}{2}$ " figures. For full details on Sgt. Savage, see issue #19 of AFD.

See pages 39-41 for a continuation of last issue's convention coverage. Turn the page for more new products.

New Releases From Hasbro/Kenner





Mortal Kombat is currently in test-marketing for release in December or January. New G.I. Joe vehicles for 3% and 12" figures went into distribution in October, as did the entire supply of 30th Anniversary Black Action Soldiers.

New Transformers and Go-Bots should be hitting the shelves soon. Jean-Claude Van Damme Street Fighter—Official Movie Fighter figures are set to break with the film.

Creepy Crawlers



Toymax Incorporated is making its entrance into the action figure market with *Creepy Crawlers*, based on its own line of Plasti-Goop compounds. Each figure includes a molding tray to create customized accessories with the company's famous Creepy Crawlers Workshop oven.

One drawback...kids may confuse the "Goop Power Packs" packaged with the good guys for plastic containers of the modeling compounds. If it's not something compatible, these could be a mess for mom.

In addition to promoting the company's other products, Toymax has come up with a great solution to a common toy problem. If you loose the figure's accessories, all you need to do is brew up some more. You can make multiple sets in different colors, or mix them with accessories from other characters. If you want your creations to stretch, or if you're a fan of color-changing features, there are special plasti-goop compounds available. Join the Creepy Crawlers Collector's Club (application on the back of each package) and Toymax promises to send you a special bottle of goop to "Make Stuff That'll Make Mom Gag—Available only to club members." As the evil Professor Guggengrime says, "Make, Bake, Overtake!"

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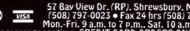
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Current releases from Playmates include the first of the long-awaited Dixon Hill figures, Ensign Ro, and Dr. Soran of from the *Generations* line. Also shown are numerous playsets and vehicles released in the last two months. Shown in the lower right corner are one of four *Apollo 11 Turtles* (space constraints prevent us from showing all of

them) and a prototype from the upcoming *Robotech* expansion of the *Exosquad* line.

Opposite page: Figures for Star Trek: Generations. Above: Movie Edition Collector Series figures, each 9" tall with cloth costumes. Below: The complete $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Generations line.





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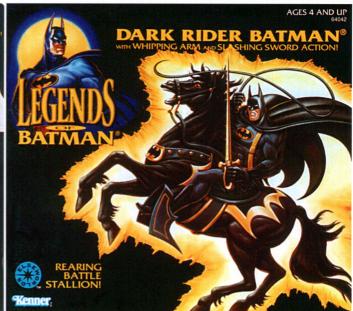


Kenner



As of October/November, all Legends of Batman products shown at Toy Fair 1994 were available. Catwoman and Joker are packed one per case.



































Above: Kenner's new die-cast Action Masters were being test-marketed at publication time. The line, which was called Movie Masters in earlier production stages, features die-cast figures from Aliens, Predator, Batman—The Animated Series, Legends of Batman, Terminator, and Star Wars (see the Star Wars update on pages 25-35 for a sneak preview of these). Superman figures are also planned. Each figure's base is molded to link with other characters in its group to create an action scene.

Bottom row: New Deluxe *Predator* Clan Leader figure features "Whipping Dreadlocks." Night Cougar Alien is a re-painted version of the Panther Alien...Flying Parasite and all. The Queen Hive playset includes a killer Deluxe Mother Alien. The figure has trouble standing up by itself (it looks like it's wearing high-heeled shoes), but the head articulation is creepy enough to give you the shivers. Further expansion of the *Aliens* line is reportedly in the works.





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AFD's STARL MARS UPDATE

Tomart's Price Guide to Worldwide Star Wars Collectibles was in development for several years before the contracts were actually signed. Then it took a year and a half for the actual publication process. Throughout this time, Tomart talked with many collectors, acquired many artifacts, and interviewed many people involved with the creation of the various Star Wars toy lines. In the process we have obtained extremely limited or unproduced items not necessarily associated with the action figure line. Starting with this issue, AFD Star Wars coverage will include all types of merchandise — past, present, and future — and there will be a Star Wars Update in every issue. Each update will include a report on new products, with an eye towards developing the same reliable advance information you have come to expect from Tomart.

This approach will permit \overrightarrow{AFD} to feature more collectibles in full color, whereas they could only be shown in black and white in the price guide.

This first section will give you an idea of the kind of material to be included in future issues: one-of-a-kind items, new products, variations, and other merchandise news. Readers are invited to make comments and suggestions on this expanded mission of *Action Figure Digest*, and even share photos of rare discoveries they have made while traveling in the galaxy of *Star Wars* merchandise.

Two Different Missile-Firing Boba Fetts

Every Star Wars fan between the ages of 25 and 35 is likely to have shared in the disappointment of sending away for a missile-firing Boba Fett figure, only to get a one with the missile sonic welded into place. The safety notice explanation was more maddening than helpful.

How dare they offer something so neat that they couldn't deliver?

Now the whole story has surfaced, along with five more missile-firing Boba Fetts. It came to light in late October when former Kenner testing technician, John Howison, saw a story in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* newspaper about a *Star Wars* toy collector in search of a missile-firing Boba Fett. His wife pointed out the story to him and his response was, "Yeah, I got some of those around." "Some?" she responded, "Do you know what they are worth?"

John contacted the collector, and a childhood goal of owning a missile-firing Boba Fett was satisfied. The other four were sold within 24 hours as the word spread.

The spectacular part of this find was the discovery of a second version of the missile-firing figure — two were like the original unpainted version documented in several books and magazines, plus three of a painted version modified to prevent accidental launching.

Here is what we know for sure: The original model for Boba Fett was completely different from the figure actually produced. Photos of it were printed on the insert included in the first collector's case. The figure appeared more like Boba Fett in the film and had a missile similar to the 12" figure. Then the figure was totally resculpted and included the missile-firing mechanism.



Kenner's original Boba Fett prototype.

John Howison relates what happened next. "A number of unpainted samples were made here in the States and passed all safety tests. Then a kid accidentally fired a missile from a Mattel Battlestar Galactica spaceship into the mouth of a friend, and the incident made the national news wires. Kenner's lawvers advised the company to get rid of the missilefiring feature. In a last-ditch effort to save the idea, the product was redesigned to help prevent accidental launching with a "J" style locking device change to the mold. Thirty figures were produced in Hong Kong and sent to me for testing. We baked 6, froze 6, and did other standard destructive tests on arm and leg joints. The critical test was on the new launching design. It failed the stress test applied to the thin locking

extension. This broke off and created a new hazard of a tiny plastic splinter that could do damage to a child's eye. As a result, the lawyers dealt the final blow to the missile-firing design. I threw the failed and remaining two untested samples into my desk where two samples from previous testing remained. When I left the company, they got packed with the rest of my stuff. They remained packed away until I saw the article."

Other current or former Kenner employees are known to own at least five samples of the unpainted versions. Another five were known to be in collector's hands and this find brings the total to at least fifteen. Not all are complete moldings or in the same color of plastic. One is known to be white and yellow. One formally owned by Tomart is missing the fingers. And one of the three painted ones is the stress-test failed example missing the extension piece intended to "lock" the firing mechanism.



The many lives of Boba Fett's rocket launcher. From left to right: original mechanism designed by Kenner; revised Kenner mechanism with J-shaped launcher slot; production figure with sonic-welded missile; production figure with launcher conversion by The Earth.









Two different groups have worked to modify existing Boba Fetts to fire missiles. One version looks like the style shown in various offers. This version never happened...it was simply an artist's airbrushed rendering. The best we have seen of modified units have been done by The Earth. They are available for a new lower price...see their ad on page 51 for more information.

STAR WARS CARD BACKS

There were 45 card back variations as films and figures were added. One involves a change in a single sentence. More often it is a complete design change or the inclusion of a major mail offer. The original twelve figures also came on a *Star Wars* card with 12, 20, 21, or 32 figures advertised on the back. The 12 backs command a premium of 15-100% depending on the figure (see update list).

12A - The back of this card shows 12 figures, describes each one, and lists the name and height of each figure. It shows how to use the two-piece lightsaber. The toys on the card are the TIE fighter, the X-wing fighter and the Landspeeder. The bottom of the card shows the STAR WARS Action Collector's Stand and says that it can be gotten with two proofs-of-purchase and \$2.00. Offer expires May 1, 1979. The front of this card has a white square in the upper left corner.

12B - The back of this card is the same as 12A except there is an additional paragraph stating that you can alternately get the Collector's Action Stand FREE with 12 proofs-of-purchase. Offer expires May 1, 1979.

Card Back Variations 12A 12B 12C 20A 20B 20C 20D 20E 20F 20G 20H 21A TO1101 TO1105 TO1111 TO1113 TO1115 TO1116 TO1121 TO1123 TO1127 TO1131 TO1137 TO1139 TO1141 TO1145 Card back information courtesy of Jon and Karl Hartman

12C - The back of this card is the same as 12B except the description of how to work the lightsaber has one less sentence. Offer expires May 1, 1979.

20A - The back of this card says "New STAR WARS Mini Action Figures Available Soon. Collect All 20." It shows the next 8 figures in large boxes above the original 12 shown in a row of small boxes. The bottom of the card says "Look for these Exciting STAR WARS Adventure Sets and other Toys!" The toys on the bottom of the card are (clockwise from top left): the Mini Action Figure Collector's Case, the Droid Factory, the Creature Cantina, the Land of the Jawas, and the Patrol Dewback. The front of this card has a white square in the upper left corner.

20B - This card is the same as 20A except there is not a white square in the upper left corner of the front of the card. The back of this card pictures the actual Creature Cantina instead of the prototype, and the descriptions of the Creature Cantina and the Land of the Jawas are different.

20C - The front of this card has a yellow-rimmed star that says "FREE BOBA FETT WITH PURCHASE OF ANY FOUR STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES (See details on back.)" A picture of Boba Fett appears in the star. The back of the card says "GET A FREE BOBA FETT ACTION FIGURE", shows a picture of Boba Fett with the firing rocket backpack, and tells how to get him. The bottom of the card shows the 20 action figures in small boxes. Across the middle of the back of the card are pictures of the Creature Cantina and the Land of the Jawas. Offer expires May 31, 1979.

20D - The back of this card is the same as 20C except the picture of Boba Fett is covered by a black sticker with round corners.

20E - The back of this card is the same as 20C except the picture of Boba Fett is covered by a yellow and black sticker with round corners.

20F - The back of this card is the same as 20C except the picture of Boba Fett is covered by a yellow and black sticker with square corners and it has a red circle sticker that extends the offer to March 31, 1980.



In-store display header card for the first 21 figures, featuring the non-missile-firing Boba Fett, but showing the original missile.

20G - The back of this card is the same as 20F except the sticker is a red rectangle and extends the offer to December 31, 1980.

20H - This card is the same as 20C except it has a yellow and red 11-pointed star sticker on the front that says "FREE SECRET STAR WARS ACTION FIGURE WITH PURCHASE OF ANY 4 STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES (See back for details.)" The back of this card has a sticker over the entire Boba Fett offer on the top third of the card that tells how to get the secret figure. Offer expires May 31, 1980.

21A - The back of this card says "Collect All 21 STAR WARS Action Figures!" It shows 21 figures. The bottom of the card is the same as 20B.

21B - The back of this card is the same as 21A except the pictures of the toys at the bottom of the card are in a different order. The toys on the bottom of the card are (clockwise from top left): the Land of the Jawas, the Patrol Dewback, the Droid Factory, the Creature Cantina, and the Action Figure Collector's Case. The pictures of the Droid Factory and the Patrol Dewback are not the prototype versions.

21C - The front of this card has a yellow and red 11-pointed star sticker that says "FREE SECRET STAR WARS ACTION FIGURE WITH PURCHASE OF ANY 4 STAR WARS ACTION FIGURES (See back for details.)" The back of this card would be the same as 21A or 21B, but there is a sticker over the bottom third of the card that tells how to get the figure. Offer expires May 31, 1980.

Original Han (TO1115) and large head variation (TO1116).



Cloth-caped (TO1139) and vinylcaped (TO1137) Jawa figures.

32A - The back of this card is the same as 12C except for the addition of a sticker which covers the bottom third of the card. It says "COLLECT ALL 32 ACTION FIGURES" and shows pictures of the first 20 figures from STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK.

THE ORIGINAL 12 STAR WARS FIGURES

The first 12 Star Wars figures on Star Wars logo cards are some of the hottest collectible figures available today. Comparing the prices below to Tomart's recently published Price Guide to Worldwide Star Wars Collectibles, you will notice a further breakdown by card back in all except the top figures which have had some dramatic increases. Han Solo on a 12-back card is in the top demand with Luke also showing signs of accelerated growth. The vinyl cape Jawa has more than doubled. Part of this growth is undoubtedly due to the book being published and growing demand for all Star Wars collectibles as anticipation builds with an eye towards the release of the second Star Wars film trilogy beginning in 1998. To what degree this value gain is based on speculation will take another few years to determine.

Original 12 Characters — Star Wars 12-backs

TO1101 Chewbacca w/black bowcaster 85 - 125 TO1102 Chewbacca w/green bowcaster 100 - 150



TO1104

TO1126

TO1130

TO1105 TO1111 TO1113 TO1115 TO1116 TO1121 TO1123 TO1126 TO1127 TO1130 TO1131	Jawa (cloth cape) Sand People	500 - 800 175 - 250 85 - 100 150 - 225 350 - 650 450 - 700 85 - 125 85 - 125 525 - 825 65 - 125 550 - 850 85 - 125 350 - 750 80 - 100 80 - 110 85 - 125
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	Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi (gray hair) Jawa (vinyl cape)	12 75
	Jawa (cloth cape)	9
TO1141	Sand People	9
TO1145	Death Squad Commander	8

Department Store Multi-Packs

Back in the late '70s, major department store toy departments were trying to hold on against the ever-increasing toy discount stores. Throughout the Star Wars trilogy, Kenner provided special promotional packaging to give these stores an "exclusive" product to attract customers. There were 18 special figure 3-packs created for this purpose. Most just offered a special, lower price deal on three figures purchased together, but four of the packs also included a unique background. All multi-packs are highly sought after by collectors.

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	rs Three-figure sets	
	Hero Set (Han Solo, Leia, Ben)	300 - 450
TO1183	Villain Set (Vader, Stormtrooper, Death Squad Commander)	300 - 450
TO1185	Android Set (Chewbacca, R2-D2, C-3PO)	300 - 450
Stan Wa	rs Three-figure sets w/backdrops	300 - 430
	Hero Set (Han Solo, Luke X-wing Pilot, Ben)	400 - 600
TO1193	Villain Set (Sand People, Boba Fett, Snaggletooth)	400 - 600
TO1195	Android Set (Power Droid, R5-D4,	
TO1107	Death Star Droid)	400 - 600
101197	Creature Set (Greedo, Hammerhead, Walrus Man)	400 - 600
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	outfit), Rebel Commander, FX-7)	050 450
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	Guard, Lando, Luke (Bespin fatigues) © 1980	250 - 450
TO1295	Imperial Forces Set (Bossk,	200 100
	Stormtrooper (Hoth), IG-88) © 1980	250 - 450
TO1297	Rebel Set (2-1B, Leia (Hoth outfit), Rebel Commander) © 1981	250 - 450
TO1299	Bespin Set (Han Solo (Bespin outfit),	230 - 430
	Ugnaught, Lobot) © 1981	250 - 450
TO1301	Imperial Set (Imperial Commander,	050 450
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TO1323







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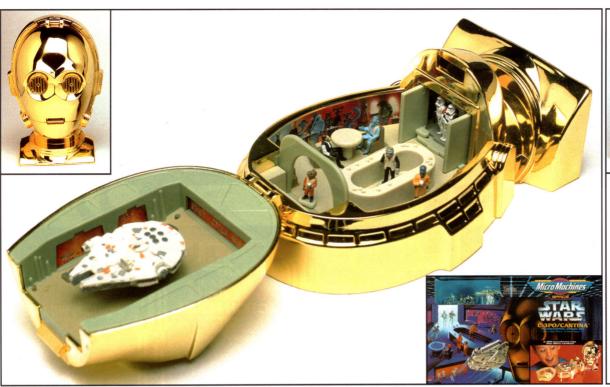








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Jedi Three-figure sets	
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figures, each	20 - 30
TO1480 Action Figure two-packs, ea.	15 - 25
TO1485 Action Figure eight-packs, ea.	45 - 75
Canada	
TO2440 Hero Set	400 - 600
TO2441 Villain Set	400 - 600
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New Star Wars Micro-Machines Playsets

Galoob continues to expand its popular Micro Machines line. Top row: Transforming Action Sets feature scenes from each film inside playsets shaped like C-3PO, Darth



K-mart set features exclusive figures and vehicles, including Rebel Pilot, Imperial Pilot, and Darth Vader's TIE fighter.

Kay-Bee packaging. While all figures and vehicles are available in other sets, this boxed combination is not sold at any other store.













New Star Wars Action Masters from Kenner

Kenner is beginning to set the stage for its return to the production of *Star Wars* merchandise. The company's new die-cast line *Action Masters*, which was available in test-market cities at publication time, features *Star Wars* characters at the vanguard (see page 23 for non-*Star Wars* products from the *Action Masters* line).

In addition to the figures shown below, a single-carded Chewbacca and Snowtrooper are planned. A gold-plated C-3PO is also available by mail for six "Action Master Purchase Points" (single cards are worth one point, four-packs are worth 4, six-packs are worth 6).

Action Masters are tentatively scheduled for nationwide release in January of 1995.















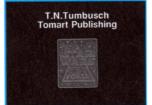
SUMMIT: Skywalker Ranch, November 3 & 4







Lucasfilm's Scoring Stage was transformed into the Mos Eisley Cantina for a special evening reception at the *Star Wars* summit. Toy industry executives and other licensees rubbed shoulders with a host of classic characters, including Boba Fett, Chewbacca, Admiral Ackbar, Imperial officers and Stormtroopers (the latter checking IDs at the door).



This limited edition X-wing replica is one of three hundred made by Rawcliffe Corporation exclusively for

This limited edition X-wing replica is one of three hundred made by Rawcliffe Corporation exclusively for the attendees and staff of the *Star Wars* Summit. It is a variation of Rawcliffe's limited edition of 15,000.

Opposite page: recently-restored models, costumes, and props scheduled for upcoming exhibitions in the United States.











Promotional cards for Topps' new full-frame Widevison series.



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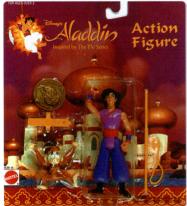
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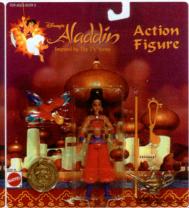












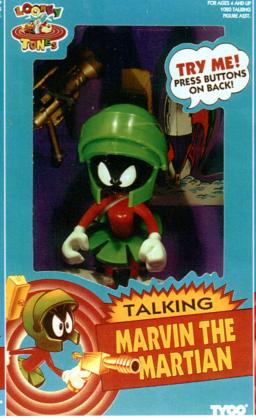


New Lion King and Aladdin figures and accessories from Mattel. Older Aladdin figures are also available on TV Series cards like those shown at left.

Bottom row: Talking Looney Tunes figures from Tyco.









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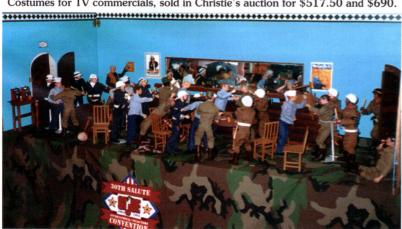
One of the major highlights of the *G.I. Joe* convention was meeting Don Levine, creator of the original 12" *G.I. Joe*. He kept all of the original prototypes and first-production figures which were passed among

conventioneers during his remarks. Above left is the first G.I. Joe prototype. Next is the prototype box for the Marine, who was originally named "Rocky." Right is Don Levine with the first production boxes.





Costumes for TV commercials, sold in Christie's auction for \$517.50 and \$690.



Bar-room brawl diorama.



Above: Unproduced G.I. Joe rocket ship and banquet banner.



Auction Record-Breakers (alternate 30th Anniversary Figures): Soldier: \$1,150; Colonial Soldier, \$977.50; Pilot \$5,750.



Foam prototype and metal model for unproduced Battle Cycle (\$92/\$517.50)

Prototype for Tonka Steel Brigade Vehicle (\$402.50)



Art for proposed but unproduced G.I. Joe Sea Force



3¾" paint masters and auction prices realized: Pathfinder (\$517.50), Skycreeper (\$483), and Grunt (\$517.50).



Drawing for unproduced G.I. Joe vehicle (\$80.50) Tomart's Action Figure Digest

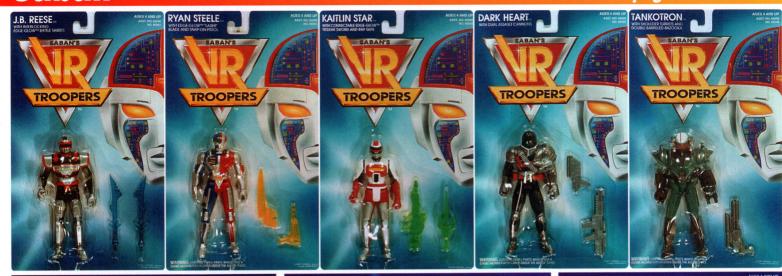


Drawing for Dreadnok Thunder Machine (\$103.50)



Early concept drawing of G.I. Joe Space Shuttle (\$184)



























Action Figure Design Contest Winners

The judges report that this contest is becoming harder to judge each year, and super hero type characters once again led all other types of entries. Still, Joe Ferrelli won the Best Existing Character category with his submission, based on *Mars Attacks*. The judges felt this was fertile ground for an action figure line, and were particularly impressed with the painted details on the figure photos submitted.

Rick Phelps wins the Best Original Character category for Uke: "50% man, 50% machine, and 100% bad atti-

tude. A guy out to kick the butt of every spandex-wearing pantywaist who ever stood too close to a microwave and walked away a super hero."

The mechanism bonus award goes to Vince DeVincenzo as part of his *Dragon Fighters* entry for the original figure category. Several of his dragons breathe harmless "smoke" in preparation for battle.

Congratulations to all of our winners. Your checks for \$100 each are in the mail, and a free year of AFD has been entered in your names.

Turn page for runner-ups...



Mechanism Bonus Prize: Dragon Fighters



Best Original Character: Uke



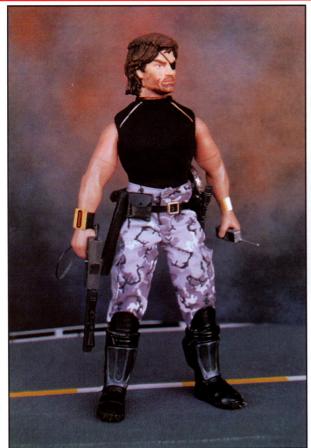






Best Existing Character: *Mars Attacks*

Action Figure Design Contest





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The vast majority of entries received were for the Best Existing Character category. Left: "Snake" Plisskin from John Carpenter's Escape From New York, by Fred Jeska. Above: Bad Mister Frosty from Super Nintendo's Clay Fighter, by Daniel J. Miller. Below: An ambitous seaQuest Bridge playset, built from scratch by Davy Holmberg.



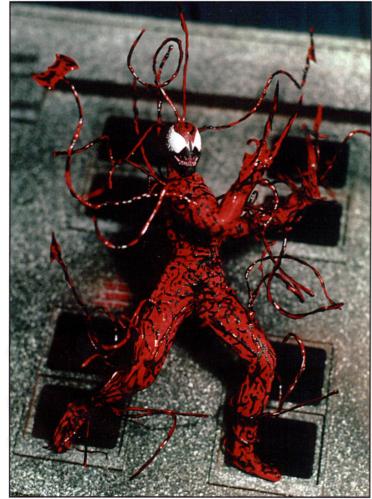
Runner-Ups and Honorable Mentions



Above: Last year's winner Scott Metzger submitted another original concept: *The Living Legends*, featuring "Abominable Snowmen" and other legendary creatures as heroes. The figures have action features triggered by air pressure and suction. Scott's submission also included an excellent description of possible line extension. Two of the mutant villains from the line are shown above.

Right: Matt Pak takes *Trek Turtles* to their next logical (?) step: *Star Truck Stop: Deep Dish Pizza Parlor Nine*.





We have yet to see anything but first-class work from Charlee E. Flatt. The judges report that once again his entries came very close to winning Best Existing Character.



Space prohibits us from showing you all of Charlee's great super hero-based submissions, but watch for a feature on his work in an upcoming issue of *AFD*.

Variation Hunter

Playmates is becoming a major source of variations with their non-standardized figures and accessories. We've seen this before in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. The *Skeleton Warriors* line is no exception.

Skeleton Warriors

All Skeleton Warriors figures come with a Lightstar Crystal Fragment. On the Skeleton Legion figures the crystals have been appearing in different colors. Those known so far are:

Baron Dark - blue, purple, orange, and yellow Shriek - blue, red, and purple Aracula - yellow and orange Dr. Cyborn - blue, purple, and green Dagger - purple and yellow

Numerous weapon variations have also been found on the three Legion of Light figures. Lightstar's Spring-fired Skeleton Polarizer has been seen in two colors, 1) silver and black, 2) gray and black, and his ChrysBlade Knife has been seen in silver and gold. Ursak's Spring-Powered Polarized Rifle has been seen in two colors, 1) silver and black, 2) gray and black, and his Bone Buster Axe has been seen in silver and in gold. All three characters have been found with red or green missiles.

The Shadow

Ambush Shadow's card has a drawing of the Shadow in a circle. The first release has the Shadow completely clear. The second release has the Shadow clear except for his cape, which is black.

DC Super Heroes

Last month I requested some information on the U.K. variation of the Aquaman figure, and several people responded. The U.K. Aquaman is different from the U.S. version: the arms are green instead of orange. It should be noted that U.K. versions have a small sticker from MBC LTD on the back.

Spawn

The very first production run of Spawn, Medieval Spawn, and Violator had plastic "J" hook hangers riveted to the clamshell. Later runs have the hook molded directly into the clamshell.

Violator has been seen with and without a Spawn trading card. The other five figures have only been seen without trading cards.

Star Trek

The first 10,000 Starfleet officers Collectors Sets have been numbered; the rest are not. This set is a Toys " \Re " Us exclusive.

Variation Hunters

Special thanks to this month's contributors...

Brian Doyle, Antony Jackson, Ken Lock, Christian Dunn, Joe Hu, and Shawn Pack.

X-Men

Rogue - Many collectors were surprised when they saw the long-awaited Rogue figure. The original version of the figure had dark brown rings around the eyes, giving it a horrific appearance. This initial version was quickly followed by a toned-down version with much lighter eye rings.

Kay Bee Toys has two exclusive "X-Men Special Metallic Edition" packs. The first set includes Silver Samurai and a variation Robot Wolverine. The Wolverine is identical to the single-packaged one, except for his pants. The single-packaged one is brown, the Kay Bee one is gold. The second set includes the long-awaited Maverick figure, which is a Kay Bee exclusive and a variation Trevor Fitzroy. The Trevor Fitzroy is identical to the single-packaged one, except the yellow running down the center of the figure is gold in the Kay Bee version. Both packages include a variation "Steel Mutants" figure. Wolverine is included with Maverick and Trevor Fitzroy. Cyclops is included with Silver Samurai and Robot Wolverine. The yellow paint on both figures has been replaced by gold paint.

X-Force

F.A.O. Schwartz is offering an exclusive, limited-edition X-Force Four-Pack including Deadpool, 1st Edition Cable, Forge and Trevor Fitzroy. Trevor Fitzroy is the only variation, with a purple costume instead of his original blue. The set retails for \$26. If you order the set by mail, you won't get packaging for the figures...they come in baggies.

See page 20 for photos of the Maverick 3-pack and the variation Trevor Fitzroy.

G.I. Joe: Star Brigade

Both of the *Star Brigade* Power Fighters have paint variations. The Joe team figure Gears comes with two color variations, 1) a blue and silver uniform, with a green and silver helmet, 2) a blue and green uniform with a blue and green helmet. The Cobra Power Fighter vehicle comes with two paint variations, 1) black with a white streak, 2) black with silvery-blue streaks.

Know of any variations? Seen and new ones? Did I miss something? Write to Variation Hunter, c/o Tomart's Action Figure Digest, 3300 Encrete Lane, Dayton, OH 45439-1944.

Variation Watch

Watch for possible revisions of these items...

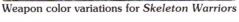
Legends of Batman

Future Batman - Packaging for this figure shows the Batman emblem on the front of the wing unit. The wing unit for the actual figure does not have the Batman emblem. The emblem was probably dropped from the prototype to cut costs, but it may be worth watching for.

X-Mer

Black Tom, Maverick, Mojo, Senyaka, and a repainted Weapon X are only available at certain toy outlets. Plus, exclusive variations of Weapon X, Spy Wolverine, Trevor Fitzroy, and Robot Wolverine are already being sold. Watch for exclusive variations of other figures...other retailers may want their own.





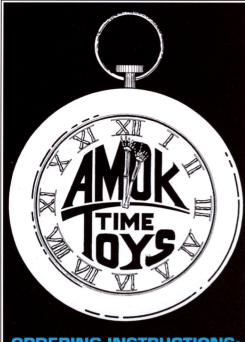








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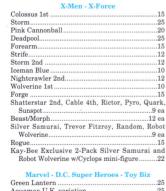
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Thunderbirds 5-pack (Bandai Japan).

I apologise to any of you who purchased this issue solely on the grounds of the big Japanese section I promised last issue. I am awaiting some of the nicest-looking figures I have seen in a long time, and would rather be able to show you them properly. I promise it will be worth the delay.

To ease you through the lean times until then I'll show you some attractive *Thunderbirds* figures from Bandai Japan. All five of the Tracy brothers are included, in their correct uniforms and coloured sashes and in the correct order for their vehicles (Thunderbirds 1-5). As usual, the articulation is a little lacking, but the overall appearance is great. As far as I am aware, these are Japanese-only.

New releases this issue include the new UK Gladiators Hunter, Trojan, Panther and Zodiac. The new large Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle from Vivid Imaginations has also arrived. While it is not exactly to scale, it has enough gimmicks to please the kids: sliding-out, rear-facing driver's chairs, firing missile, and the like.

Another release from Vivid Imaginations is not precisely an action figure set, but if we foreigners have to put up with *Elvis* dolls from the US, then I suppose these should get mentioned in return. *Take That* is the British equivalent of New Kids on the Block, teeny-bopper pretty-boy pop idols that every girl under the age of sixteen (and a disturbingly large number of older ladies) has the serious hots for. The dolls look a lot like the members of the group, whose names I would list if I could tell them apart.

From the good and the bad to the ugly: tasteless curio of the month has to be this Freddie Kreuger figure I found in





New releases from Vivid Imaginations: Spectrum Pursuit Vehicle from Captain Scarlet, Take That dolls.

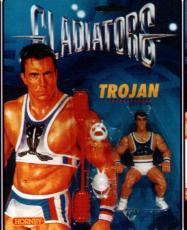


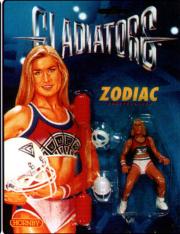
one of those odd little "Here today, gone tomorrow" stores. The name Freddie Kreuger is singularly missing from the packaging, but how many scar-faced, knife-lined glove-wielding, red-and-white-striped sweater-wearing monsters do you know? There are six in the range: Freddie, a Mummy, a scar-faced thingie (Presumably a temp from Igors "A" Us), Wolfman, Frankenstein and a vampire wearing a polychrome DJ.

Action International continues on next page...









New additions to the UK Gladiators line.

Action International



Argos-exclusive $Micro\ Machines\ truck\ packaged\ with\ Star\ Wars\ Death\ Star\ playsets\ (truck\ shown\ actual\ size).$

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Two special promotions are of particular interest. Argos, one of major UK catalogue stores, has made an unusual addition to the *Star Wars Micro Machines* Death Star playset. Whilst the packaging and everything is identical to the norm, inside the box you will find three extra vehicles: the Millennium Falcon, an Imperial Star Destroyer, and a special *Micro Machines* delivery van emblazoned with the Argos logo. I'm sure their commitment to customer service is highly commendable, but I find it hard to believe that "A galaxy far, far away" is within their home-delivery radius!

Kenner is releasing a six-piece, pop-up Space Base to boost sales of *Aliens* figures. Modular cardboard sections of the Base are taped to the backs of random figures sold in Toys "Я" Us and Woolworths stores only. Amongst other things, individual sections feature Face Hugger containment tubes, an Alien Queen, and the three-mouthed Alien I have mentioned before. The last of these doesn't appear anywhere other than advertising shots and the Aliens plaster-cast mould set.



Specially-tagged UK Aliens figures include one of six sections of a pop-up cardboard Space Base (see below). Figures with base sections are available only at UK Woolworths and Toys "A" Us stores.

Kenner UK also informs me that *Aliens* Space Marines Vasquez, Hudson and O'Malley will be available in the UK. I haven't seen them yet, but I'll keep looking.

In a chain of discount "Pile 'em high and clear 'em out dirt cheap" stores, I came across these Chinese GI Joes. Available were Flint, Cobra Commander, Destro and Major Bludd. If any others show up, I'll try and feature them. They seem to be a mix of the old and the new. Flint is in Tiger Force gear, but the Cobra Commander is an early











one. Thanks are due to my brother Simon, for noticing these in the first place.

With almost unprecedented speed, *Skeleton Warriors* have arrived in the UK just in time for Christmas, courtesy of Ideal, who handles nearly all distribution for Playmates in this country (with the exception of *Star Trek*, which Bandai looks after). The magnificently grotesque and utterly cool bad guys are hitting the shelves at the "bargain" price of £10.00 *each*! That translates at about \$15.50. How successful the line will be at these prices is anyone's guess, but I don't think it bodes well for them.

Next month: lots more Japanese stuff (I promise), *Blue SWAT*, *DragonQuest*, *Sailor Moon* and more. Plus a trip back through the ages (Well, the early- to mid-Seventies at least) to visit the world of Cyborg, Muton and Android. Who are they, you ask? Just wait and see! Plus all that is new, exciting, and pre-Toy Fair.

Appropriate Seasons Greetings to you all, be it Christmas, Hanukkah or whatever else is going on with you and yours around the end of December.

Until next time, have fun and take care.

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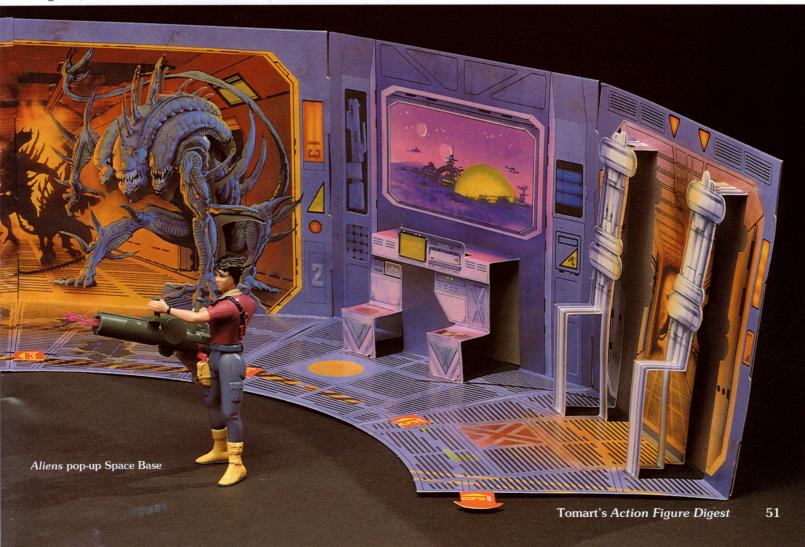


Image In Action







Todd Toys will be expanding the *Spawn* line and adding figures from *Youngblood*. The company hopes to have these figures ready for spring or summer release. (See page 17 for additional *Spawn* items).

At left: Malebogia will stand 15½ inches when fully erect. According to

advance releases, the figure barely fits in the blister pack. Center: Six-inch Badrock will feature two shoulder projectile missiles concealed under flip-up shoulder pads. Right: Chapel will include an "action sword" and a shoulder pack with pop-out guns.



Star Trek: Generations Micro Machines sets will be coming soon from Galoob. The first five **Power Rangers** sets have been seen at Target. Babylon 5 sets are also coming.

New Aliens Sparse again this year. Collectors love the Aliens line, but it's tough to maintain excitement with so few new figures. The first assortments were way overweighed in favor of space marines to creatures. Line managers and retailers over-reacted by totally eliminating space marine figures. This left no figures to go with vehicles. And kids are smart. While in Toys "A" Us, Tomart overheard a mother suggesting the purchase of a Power Loader to her 8-year-old son. The kid responded, "No, mom. You can't get the people to drive those anymore." Meijer's is now dumping the Power Loader and Hovertread for \$4.49 and the Evac Fighter for \$6.49. Only the Panther, Killer Crab, Alien vs. Predator, and repainted Panther called the Night Cougar have appeared. Still no sign of the King Alien, Arachnid, or sonic figures, which some rumors report may be as late as January. Last year, new introductions were also thin, and Kenner had to resort to a "buy one and get one free" deal to salvage the line. The British solution seems to be better. See pages 50-51 for the sensational "pop-up" Space Base offered with Aliens figures in England to spur sales. The line for next year has been touted as "really great." Hopefully, retailers will give them a chance.

Gargoyles: The Scottish Batmen. Chernabog unfolding his wings in the "Night on Bald Mountain" sequence is one of the most memorable scenes in Walt Disney's Fantasia. Now Disney has fashioned an intriguing story and new group characters patterned after the image of Chernabog. These stone creations come from a Scottish castle transplanted to the top of a New York penthouse. They come alive each night to protect the streets below from crime and violence. No matter how evil-looking, these are the good guys...nine of them anyway. There are five villains as well. AFD has seen the figures and they are terrific. Goliath, the Gargoyle leader, is seen on page 2. Hopefully, mothers fearing exposure to devil-worship won't resist these figures as they have the devil-like Sauron from Toy Biz and Kenner's own Man-Bat. After all, they are Disney!

Action Masters Test Market Report. Action Masters die-cast figures went into test-marketing cities — Cincinnati and Indianapolis — in mid-October. The first three days only the Star Wars six-pack and five individually carded figures were for sale. They were soon joined by individually carded Batman, Aliens, Terminator, and Predator figures. Four-packs from Star Wars and Aliens were inserted into the test the third weekend, and a really dorky-looking Superman set is yet to come. Tomart conducted a mini-test of our own by taking about 200 pieces to the Antique Toy World Toy Show near Chicago, where toy collectors saw them for the first time. Response was moderate and it took the full two days to unload the available supply. These figures, formerly called "Movie Masters", have puzzle bases to link-up and create a scene. Star Wars are the best sellers with Aliens the clear leader over the rest of the offerings. Non-Star Wars are probably going to sell about the same rate as any other kind of die-cast figure. Release of the 4-packs was probably the biggest boost during the test as sales definitely increased after this point. See page 33 for Star Wars and page 23 for other early releases. These should start showing up on shelves nationwide around the first of the year.

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Robotech is Back. Playmates is folding *Robotech* fighting machines into their *Exosquad* line for release in late January. A battle of the Mechs is likely as these go head to head with TYCO's upcoming *Battletech* line.

Win Great Prizes in Tomart's Figure of the Year Voting. This year's prizes are the best we've ever been able to offer, including a Godzilla prototype, a missile-firing Boba Fett conversion from The Earth, autographed and numbered action figures under 100, and subscriptions to AFD. See pages 14-15 for details on voting and how you can win.

Spawn Surprises Toy Pros. Spawn was not without pessimists at Toy Fair. It was obviously a last-minute presentation using models and cardboard renderings to represent final product to be delivered in time for Christmas sales. Tomart has or has seen all the figures and the Spawn Alley playset. We have reports the Spawnmobile is out, leaving only the Violator Monster Rig to surface. All products have been very successful...the out-of-stock situation is not due to Todd Toys, but retailers' order sizes.

Looks Like a Record Year for toys in general and action figures in particular. Toy stores and departments began to jam up before Halloween and continue to be the heaviest seen in years. Every category should gain with the possible exception of pre-school...which is dealing with lower birth rates.

Power Rangers will undoubtedly pace all other action figures, but Toy Biz, Kenner, and Playmates should also do well with assorted lines. Hasbro sold its 30th Anniversary G.I. Joe line clean and *Transformers* remain steady. The jury is still out on *Stargate*, which didn't get much help from the film.

RoboCop — The Series should help Toy Island establish itself as a broader-line action figure company. The vehicles are moving as well as the figures in AFD country. Madigan and Commander Cash did not appear in early shipments, but are now included in every figure assortment.

Mattel Working to Re-Ignite Spark. Masters of the Universe creators have been reunited at Mattel to get Boy's Action Figures rolling again. They sure seem happy about something, but as usual, Mattel is not talking. Maybe next issue.

More Lion King Figures. There will be additional Lion King figures tied to Disney's release of the home video in March.

Latest releases: Spider-Man Pocket Comics action playsets and TMNT Kowabunga Crackin' Turtle Eggs led mid-month ads at K-mart; 12" Guile Street Fighter Movie figure; and all the small variations of the Maximum Carnage promotional packages (the single-figure card seems to be the hardest to find).

Next Issue: It's *AFD*'s annual Pre-Toy Fair issue, full of last-minute announcements, rumors, and a flood of January releases. Our second regular *Star Wars* Update details the next figure releases, figure card back variations, detailed price breakdowns, new *Star Wars* products, prototypes and other surprises.

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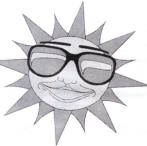


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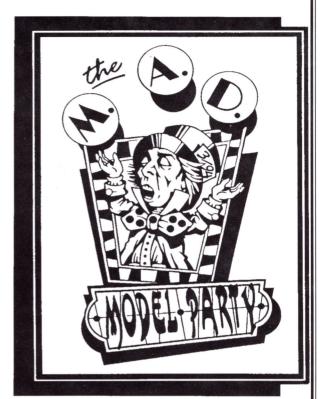
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